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State Patrol Participating in Operation Air Brake

Chief John R. Batiste announced today the Commercial Vehicle Division (CVD) of the Washington State Patrol will participate in "Operation Air Brake" on May 3, 2006. The event is sponsored by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA), with all 50 States, Canada and Mexico participating in the annual emphasis.

CVD personnel will spend the day inspecting air brakes on commercial motor vehicles throughout Washington State. Last year 9,307 brakes were inspected with 581 or 6.2 percent found to be out of adjustment.

"Brakes out of adjustment continues to be a factor in commercial vehicle collisions on our roadways in Washington State," said CVD Captain Coral Estes. "Through our continuing efforts of inspecting trucks and partnering with industry to educate drivers, we hope to bring down the number of trucks not in compliance."

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